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Alex Ching is shown here working with Jennifer Hamilton, a Northwest graduate, in the horticulture complex. Ching, Hamilton and another student are looking at tree seeds from the seed germination chamber. Ching earned his doctorate at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

LOSS OF A LEADER

Heart attack claims Alex Ching's life

Professor left lasting impact on University

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

On the morning of Jan. 16, the Northwest community lost one of its own in a sudden and unexpected death.

Alex Ching, associate professor of agriculture, suffered a fatal heart attack while shoveling snow and passed away shortly thereafter at St. Francis Hospital.

Ching was born on June 7, 1942, in Carranquilla, Columbia. He is survived by his wife, Sonia, his son, Jonathan and his daughter, Stephanie.

At the prayer and funeral services, which were held Jan. 19 and 20 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, students, faculty and the Maryville community came to pay their last respects.

Ching was first hired by Northwest Nov. 1, 1988, and over the years he was known as a person who was always on the run and a person who loved to cook.

Ching displayed his love for cooking

at the Newman Catholic Center. On Wednesday nights, he would help cook meals for University students.

Bridget Brown, Campus Minister at the Newman Center, said he was a person that could be seen throughout the community.

"Alex was an ever-present figure for anyone that went to the 11:00 a.m. Mass (at St. Gregory's)," Brown said. "He was a presence that was very welcoming, and he was a positive presence. He was a natural-born teacher and he was always teaching."

Father Peter Ullrich, the admissions director at Conception Abbey, also worked with Ching when he was campus minister at the Newman Center.

Ullrich said he would always cook for the Newman Center and he said he had an impact on students.

"He would always cook something different, something healthy, and he created his own melons," Ullrich said. "A place

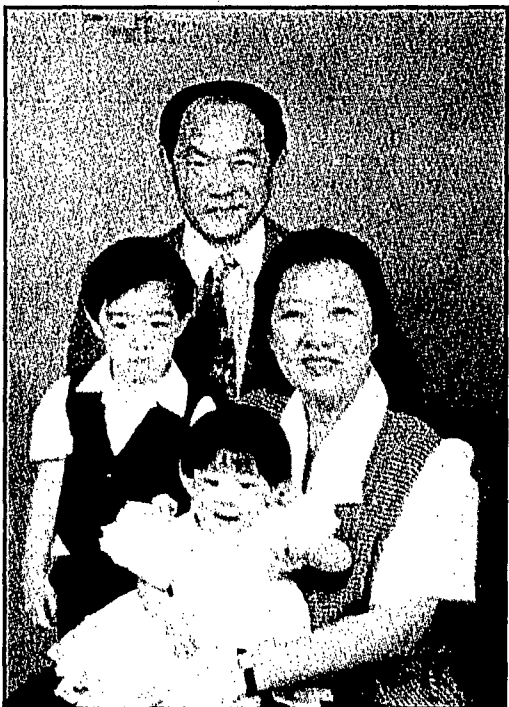


PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Alex Ching is survived by his wife Sonia, his son, Jonathan and his daughter, Stephanie. Ching was a regular at the 11 a.m. mass on Sundays at St. Gregory's Catholic Church and often cooked for the students at the Newman Catholic Center on campus.

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Agreement between bars not renewed

All-you-can-drink specials popping up again at local bars

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

In an act greeted by the delight of Northwest students and dismay of city leaders, all-you-can-drink specials have returned to Maryville bars.

The specials, which allow patrons of legal age to an unlimited number of drinks for a cover charge or significantly lower price, returned to Maryville Jan. 15 at the World Famous Outback, followed two days later by a special at Molly's. The specials marked the end of a gentleman's agreement signed in June by Maryville bar owners to do away with all-you-can-drink deals through the fall trimester, in the meantime allowing specials only on a per-drink basis.

The agreement came at the

urging of the Maryville City Council and Maryville Public Safety, who viewed the rising rate of alcohol-related arrests to be a growing concern.

While the agreement expired in December, city officials planned to meet with city bar owners once again for the possibility of negotiating to continue the contract. Though no meeting transpired, local bars continued not to run specials until last week.

City Manager Matt Chesnut said, while the gentleman's agreement was not broken, the city's hopes of continuing to eliminate specials were dashed.

"Obviously, there's a level of disappointment there that the agreement could not be continued," Chesnut said. "We felt the agreement was a good faith effort by the bar owners to try to curb what the City Council determined was a problem, and the agreement in general was at the request of the bar owners to begin with. They're the ones who came and said, 'We don't have to run the drink-and-drawns if the other bars aren't doing it,' and that's something I heard

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Senate decides policy regarding dishonesty

Provost must approve amendment to reach Board of Regents

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

After a four-month discussion concerning the academic dishonesty policy, members of Faculty Senate voted Wednesday to amend sections of the policy.

According to the University handbook, academic honesty is essential to the integrity of the mission and success of Northwest and is expected of all students. The academic appeals committee began working to revise the policy when confusion emerged among interpretations from faculty and students.

The proposal passed by a landslide with 16 votes in favor of the proposal, three against it and one abstention. However, the amendment process is far from over. It is now up to Provost Taylor Barnes who has 30 days to respond back to Faculty Senate as to whether he will sign and present it to members of the Board of Regents for their meeting Feb. 19th or keep it and discuss it with the University attorney.

"The next step is going to be very critical, considering how it will be handled once the proposal gets out of Faculty Senate," said Gregory Haddock, Faculty Senate president. "I'm not real

worried though because we honestly have the next two years to change this policy."

If approved by the Board, professors would have the ability to suggest altered sanctions, rather than recording an automatic "F" if it is a student's first offense.

"It seems like this might be more appropriate because maybe (students) can learn from the experience more," Haddock said.

Duane Jewell, chair of the budget, planning and development committee said the new proposal contains clarity. Jewell said he also liked the idea that if students are suspected of being dishonest, they can still attend class during their appeal process.

"I personally like being able to have the flexibility to not automatically have to flunk the student, although, in some cases, I think that's the appropriate sanction," Jewell said.

By the end of the meeting, Clara Edwards, chair of the academic appeals committee, was satisfied with the senators' decision.

"We tried to make the policy in line with the majority of faculty input, and that's certainly a reflection in that (the proposal) passed," she said. "Now we just have to wait and see how the rest of the process goes."

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 5th in the Academic Hub Shared Conference Room in the Administration building.

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DANGEROUSLY DRY: The Northwest Missourian looks at how the drought is affecting the University and northwest Missouri

PART 2: NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Plants, home foundations need proper care

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Mother Nature has made it tough for local residents to keep their plants and homes in good condition by not giving them enough snow or rain to keep their minds at ease.

Although snowfall has been

a welcome sight, there still has not been enough for Earl May manager and landscape designer Chuck Ellis to stop worrying.

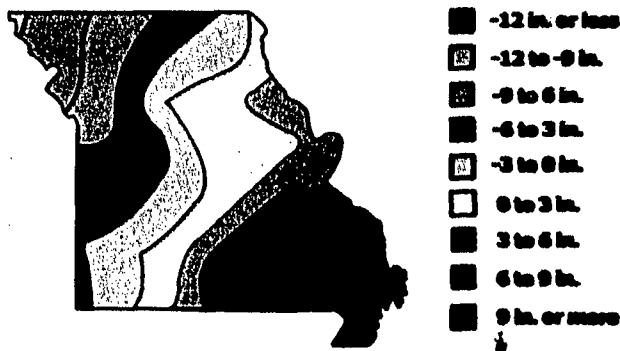
"We came off a dry summer so this concern has been present for awhile," Ellis said. "And we still just haven't seen enough to get our plants through the rest of this winter."

Although it may seem awkward during the winter time, Ellis urges plant owners to take the time to water their plants and soil.

"Right now it's hard to see how the lack of moisture is affecting the plants because they are dormant," Ellis said. "But I guarantee

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What happens when "Darkness Falls"? Read the Buzz review Friday to get the lowdown on this week's new release.

This week's poll question:

What do you think about the reinstatement of the drink-and-drown specials at local bars?

- All right! I love drunk chicks!
- Who cares about the bars?
- I am against it; I work for Public Safety
- Is it Thursday yet? I love to drink.

Poll question:

What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl?

- 38% the commercials
- 32% the parties
- 21% the game
- 9% the halftime show

Students lend a hand in honor of holiday

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife was noted as saying that this holiday should not be a day off. Rather, it should be a day to remember his legacy of altruistic service.

The Alliance of Black Collegians and Team Leadership recently presented students with the opportunity to do exactly that by serving the Maryville community on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students met in the Student Union and were divided into several groups and sent out into the community to help the needy.

Among the places that students went were Horace Mann Elementary school and the Ministry Center where they helped organize food for the hungry.

Students also went to homes of the elderly to help them clean and do things that they would not normally be able to do.

"We wanted to go out into the community and help those people who re-

ally needed it," said Sheena Lloyd, a coordinator of the project.

Over 155 students participated in serving the community Monday.

"I was very pleased with the amount of people who came to help," Lloyd said. "The event went very well."

Some students thought that it was not only a fun thing to do, but something that they owed to the community.

"It is your ongoing duty as a Northwest student to give back to the community," said Alan Hargraves, who participated in the event. "It is especially important on a holiday such as Martin Luther King (Jr.) Day."

Lloyd said the organizations chose this day to show respect for King's life.

"We picked this day for the service project because we wanted to give honor to a person who so much of his life was about giving service," Lloyd said.

Participants were proud to carry out King's legacy, Lloyd said.

"We were able to go out and help people as one," she said.

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PHOTO BY ADAM HUNT/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Christine Miller and Mike Blair get the hang of taking down Christmas lights Monday afternoon. More than 100 students volunteered during Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Young musicians gather for annual music festival

Students from four states meet on Northwest campus for day of clinics, concerts

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

After nearly eight hours of practice, high school students from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri combined their musical talents for a vocal and band concert Saturday at the 17th Annual Honor Music Festival.

Students were nominated by their high school teachers and were involved with various clinics and rehearsals, conducted by the music department's faculty and students.

Even though invitations were handed out to students throughout the four-state area, very few letter jackets and sweatshirts were from out of state.

Regardless, Northwest chorus director Stephen Town said the day went well.

"I thought the day was extremely successful," Town said. "Students were always on task, they were full of energy and they worked very hard. They were very well-prepared by their high school teachers, and they were ready to go."

Town said he goes through all of the nominations and he tries to get a balance of sopranos, altos and tenors.

"We had 39 schools represented in the choir and most of those were Missouri schools," Town said. "But there were more schools from Iowa this year than there have been in the last two to three years. There were also a few schools from Nebraska."

One Nebraska school that did make it to the festival was Auburn High School from Auburn, Neb.

Thomas Wheeler, a junior from Au-

burn High School, said his teacher told him about it initially. Overall, he said it was a good experience.

"I got to learn some more about this school because I didn't know a lot about it," Wheeler said. "I think I'll come again next year."

Teachers throughout the four-state area also had the opportunity to attend different clinics.

Becky Reinig, a music teacher from Mound City and a graduate from Northwest, said it was a good event for both parties.

"It's not only for the students, but it ends up being a workshop for the teachers," Reinig said. "It's like getting a mini-workshop. I've watched all morning and listened to new warm-up techniques, or how you tell somebody how to say a particular vowel. You end up networking with other teachers in your area, so it's fun for the students and the teachers."

Shannon Heidtbrink, a senior from North Platte High School in North Platte, Mo., said it is a different experience.

"We learned the music in a day," Heidtbrink said. "That's not something you would do in school. It's a rushed practice. I like to hear other people's opinions and to sing with other people I've never sang with before."

During the band portion of the concert, Charles Menghini, guest clinician and director of bands at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, conducted the band.

Menghini said he loves his job and he was happy about the way the band played.

"I get to travel around the world and work with great students," Menghini said. "When they graduate from high school, there's a place for them to play in the college band. Music makes these kids special."

Owens Library aids commuting students with new database

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

Northwest students living off-campus have always had their fair share of advantages, except when it came to researching at home. But that has all changed thanks to a new service provided by Owens Library.

Off-campus students, faculty and staff are now able to connect to all da-

tabases through Owens Library's terminal server. The new connections allow those with home computers to access more information through various databases by providing their username and password.

In the past, those with home computers were only capable of researching information through database search engines EBSCOhost and InfoTrac said Connie Ury, library outreach coordina-

tor.

"This is a big improvement, because students will now have the ability to do searching from anywhere," Ury said.

"This will make research easier for off-campus students, especially if they go home for the weekend. It levels the playing field for them to do the same quality of research at their own computer that our students on campus can do."

Nevertheless, students living on cam-

pus and off campus will benefit from 12 database search engines like Britannica Online and WorldCat, which were recently added to the library's search pages.

"These new databases cover different things than we already had," said Joyce Meldrem, head librarian for collection management. "A lot of the new databases will also allow students to get more scholarly information related to their field."

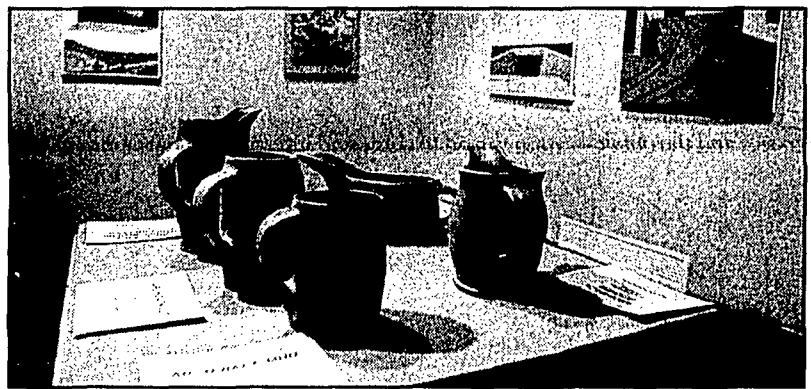


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The public is invited to attend the Faculty Art Exhibit at the Olive Deluce Gallery in the Fine Arts Building. Various works by Northwest faculty will be on display.

Faculty to present, discuss original art at open house

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The faculty art exhibit, running from Jan. 13 through Jan. 31 in the gallery of the Deluce Fine Arts building, not only showcases artwork but also gives students a valuable learning experience.

Phil Laber, professor of art and gallery director, said the exhibit gives the students a chance to see the teachers in a professional mode as artists.

"Our students, who we teach, understand us philosophically and theoretically and through our courses, but they don't necessarily understand us by the nature

of the artwork we do," Laber said.

Kristen Miller, senior art major, says the faculty art exhibit gives students a chance to see the faculty's perspective on artwork.

"When the teachers give you advice on your artwork, it helps to see how they incorporate it into their pieces," she said.

Viewers will have the chance to talk to faculty artists at 7 p.m., Jan. 27, in Room 244 of the Deluce Fine Arts building.

A question and answer session will also take place, followed by a reception in the gallery.

Although the exhibit is not an art sale,

the opening also gives anyone interested in purchasing the artwork a chance to talk with the artists.

The exhibit will showcase seven faculty artists, one faculty emeritus and two adjunct faculty members.

The various artworks will include paintings, fibers, graphic design, wood sculpture, ceramics and photography drawings.

Anyone can view the faculty art exhibit during gallery hours from 6-9 p.m. Monday, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact the art department at 562-1326 for more information.

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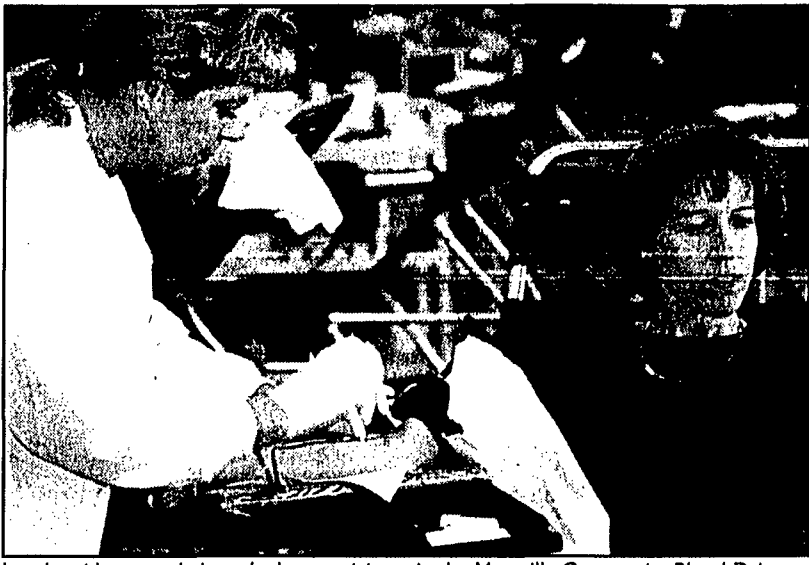
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Local residents are being asked to participate in the Maryville Community Blood Drive Jan. 30 at the First United Methodist Hall. All who participate get the opportunity to win a trip to Las Vegas and free cholesterol results.

Blood donors look to keep Maryville lead going strong

By ALEXI GROMOUTIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Area organizations will host the Maryville Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Business and Professional Women, Harrah's, Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and Ameristar are sponsoring the event.

Throughout the United States, 60 percent of the population are able to donate blood, but only 6 percent choose to do so.

Laura Bodicky, recruitment representative at the Community Blood Center, said now is a crucial time to donate blood.

"At this point, the state of affairs is so volatile," Bodicky said. "It's important that the blood supply is at a stable level."

Coordinator Carol Jean Osborn said Maryville leads in blood drive donations.

During 2002, Maryville produced 660 units of blood.

"The amount of blood that comes out of Maryville is astronomical," Bodicky said.

Incentives are being used this year to keep the amount of dona-

tions at a high rate.

Free cholesterol results and the opportunity to win a trip to Las Vegas are being offered to all who donate.

"We need about 150 donations," Bodicky said, "which means we need to see 175 people through the door."

The Community Blood Center donates blood to 73 hospitals in 70 Missouri counties.

"It makes me feel a big sense of pride in knowing that people are not only donating their blood but donating the time it takes," Bodicky said. "It's such a selfless act. They are truly saving lives."

Individuals who are wanting to donate must be 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health.

Good health will be determined after temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin are tested at the beginning of the donation.

To be eligible, blood donors must present identification and eat and drink before donating.

Anyone wishing to donate blood can contact Osborn at 582-8967.

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Local Girl Scouts kick off another fundraising year

Cookie sales help fund Girl Scout troops, provide life lessons to members

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Break out your wallets and the milk because it's time, once again, for the annual Girl Scouts cookie sales in northwest Missouri.

Beginning Friday, local Girl Scouts from the Midland Empire, which includes 15 counties in northwest Missouri and two counties in Kansas, will be going door to door in order to raise money for their organization.

Approximately 170 girls from 21 different troops will be selling cookies this year.

"It gives the girls a good opportunity to present themselves to the public," said Deb McIntyre, service unit cookie manager. "They really enjoy getting out and are inspired."

Selling cookies is not only a fundraising opportunity, but a learning experience for the girls as well.

"The girls are able to learn several skills that include planning, goal setting, cooperation and confidence," said Girl Scout leader Cathy Lipiec.

Each Girl Scout has the option to not sell cookies if she chooses. Although not every girl sells cookies, 20,000 boxes were sold last year.

The Midland Empire Council has

set a new goal of 22,000 boxes, which is a 10 percent increase from last year's sales.

The price for each box is \$3.50. Cookie choices include Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Animal Treasures, Friendship Circles and Lemon Pastry Cremes.

Roughly 70 percent of the proceeds from each box goes toward Girl Scout organizations in their local communities.

For every box of cookies sold, portions of the proceeds go to the Midland Empire Council, the individual Girl Scout who sold the box and to her troop.

The amount given to the Girl Scout is called "cookie credits" and can be spent on individual items for herself, such as new uniforms, camp expenses, workbooks and various other items.

The girls are also able to earn awards such as badges and patches based on the number of individual sales.

Troops use their portion throughout the year as a means of funding for supplies, projects and workshops that aid in teaching the girls a variety of lifetime skills.

The council uses its portion of the money to provide services for the girls and volunteers in the council.

If you are not visited by a Girl Scout and would like to purchase cookies, contact Deb McIntyre at 582-5676 or 725-4662. Sales end February 10. Delivery dates are set for March 21 through April 10.

Prayer for peace



Sue Dorrel (right) Business Manager for St. Gregory's Church, joins worshippers in the fourth day of the church's Novena for Peace Wednesday. Congregants participated in the nine-day event praying for negotiations rather than arms to solve U.S. conflict overseas. The event will end Jan. 27.

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Chamber advertises Mazingo Lake at sports show

By ASHLEY RICKERSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Neither rain nor shine stopped many sports fanatics from participating in the St. Joseph Sports Show Saturday at the Civic Arena.

"I just love to come and look," Jack Cooper, an area resident said. "(My sons) really enjoyed the shark tank, and my oldest son likes all the hunting gear."

A shark show entertained the extreme viewers while a cooking show presented the best cooking products for various dishes.

The show involved not only demonstrations,

but booths and activities also.

Activities for the children included a rock climbing wall and a fishing pool.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce also had a table. The booth included brochures, mainly advertising Mazingo Lake, the college and the public pool.

"The traffic is moving good," Maggie Lesnak said. "There have been a lot of people. People don't realize how much Maryville really has to offer."

The president of the Chamber, Mark Gregg also made an appearance at the booth.

"We're hoping this attracts more people to Maryville," Gregg said.

Club activities attract singles

Luthern church brings hope for singles searching for that special someone

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Members of Hope Lutheran Church's singles group had the opportunity to interact with one another at the Hangar's Dinner and a Movie Saturday evening.

"Catch Me If You Can" was showcased in the dinner theater with a wide selection of dinner options from which to choose.

Joyce Cronin, a seven-year member of the church, began planning events for the singles group four months ago.

"It started with the Single Parents Support Group who felt like there was nothing to do to meet other people besides go to the bar," Cronin said. "We created a singles group and decided to plan our own events as an alternative."

They have already participated in events such as bowling, miniature golf and a night of games.

The group consists of about 20 members who meet regularly to brainstorm ideas for their next outing.

Some of the people are already acquainted, but a lot of times they come by themselves and get to know one another on their own.

"Everybody's in the same boat, which gives them a common thread to come and interact with one another," Cronin said. "More than likely, they won't be the only new person there."

The singles group plans to have a potato bar where people bring their favorite potato dish for its next activity.

To attend or for further information contact Hope Lutheran Church at 582-3262.

Ginny Francis can be contacted at 562-1224 or gfrancis@missourianonline.com

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Columnist disagrees with pro-war policy

Despite a relentless pro-war propaganda assault by the White House and their comrades-in-arms in the newsrooms of the nation, it's amazing how blatantly ridiculous the case for the coming war on Iraq remains. You'd think the best-paid public relations people in the world could have done a more convincing job, but President Bush's approval ratings are plummeting and less than a fourth of the country favors attacking based solely on the (lack of) evidence provided by the Bush administration.

For those who've missed the relevant details amidst the onslaught of irrelevancies, here are some of the questions you may still be asking:

Is this war for the sake of the Iraqi people?

Not in the least. When Saddam was gassing Iraqi Kurds, we were supporting him (with money and technical advice) and lying about it, just as we were when he was using chemical weapons against Iran. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld can tell you all about it; after all, he happily visited our friends in Baghdad after the gassings started. After the Gulf War (in which over 90 percent of the bombing was NOT of the much-touted, civilian-friendly "smart" variety), we watched, without intervening, as Saddam slaughtered an internal rebellion. Oh, and we've admitted publicly to killing over half a million Iraqi children with sanctions, not to mention those that have died because of our continual bombing of Iraq over the last decade.

If this war, which will be a clear violation of international law, does take place, the United Nations estimates that there will be upwards of 500,000 Iraqi casualties (most of them civilian) and over 5 million refugees.

Does the war have anything to do with weapons of mass destruction (WMD)?

Not at all. Although the Bush Administration suddenly became very frightened of Saddam when the war in Afghanistan was waning and Osama Bin Laden was nowhere to be found, the threat posed by Iraq is likely no more than it was in 1998, when U.N. inspectors last left the country. In fact, Saddam was at his most powerful when he enjoyed the backing of nations like the United States and Great Britain. Now the inspectors are back in Iraq doing their job—which has already included over 230 raids—and they haven't found so much as an ounce of chemical weaponry. If they do find any, they can simply continue to do their job by destroying it.

If WMD were the actual concern, the Bush Administration would simply let the inspectors continue to work instead of revving the engine for war against Iraq (who, to our knowledge, has no WMD), while simultaneously insisting on a diplomatic solution in North Korea (who possesses nuclear weapons and is openly seeking more).

But isn't Saddam still a threat?

Bizarrely, the Bush administration has been able to deceive most of the public into tying Saddam to the Sept. 11 attacks, even though there is absolutely no evidence and Hussein and Bin Laden have always been enemies. Saddam is certainly still a brutal dictator, presiding over a regime that has little concern (if any) for its own people, just like other brutal regimes—in China, Algeria, and Saudi Arabia, to name a few—that we happily support. Nevertheless, he seems to have virtually no power to harm the United States, and his neighbors certainly aren't afraid of him. In fact, most of the states of the Middle East are against a U.S. war because of the instability and anti-Western outpouring that will follow—not to mention because of the obvious consequences for the people of Iraq.

In spite of all this, the Bush administration is committed to war, with or without evidence. The reason should be obvious: Iraq's oil supply, estimated at 112 billion barrels. Surprise, surprise, an administration made up almost entirely of oilmen (who happened to miss out on Vietnam) is after one of the world's biggest oil caches, and they're willing to send more than a quarter of a million American troops to get it.

But not everyone is putting up with it. Most of the world's population is against a U.S.-led war, and millions have protested in Europe and the Middle East over the past few months. At home, 43 cities have signed resolutions against the war, and, last week, over 100 union leaders, representing more than 2 million workers, met in Chicago to found U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW).

Over the weekend, in a display befitting Martin Luther King Jr. Day—a day which should be a celebration of the willingness to make America a nation true to its ideals—hundreds of thousands of men, women and children braved below-freezing temperatures to march on Washington D.C. and hundreds of thousands more joined them in cities all over the United States.

Not too far from here, I was lucky enough to participate in an anti-war march and rally in Lawrence, Kan. Despite the bitter winds, over 600 people—from Vietnam veterans to student activists to moms with kids—stood in front of Lawrence's little courthouse together and, peacefully, democratically, said "NO" to this absurd war. You're going to see much more of that in the coming months—and, if enough of us are willing to voice our opinions, maybe our leaders will see it too.

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Our View

Professor's passion will live on

While shock and sadness surround the death of Alex Ching, his zest for life will never be forgotten

With the Jan. 16 death of beloved and respected associate professor of agriculture Alex Ching, the loss extended far beyond the reaches of the department that he so devotedly served.

There's no denying that, on the Northwest campus, the students and faculty of the Department of Agriculture are most certainly hit hardest emotionally by the devastating loss, while at the same time struggling with the task of attempting to replace a man who was seemingly irreplaceable.

However, Ching was an educator who left a positive impact on an entire University.

An ever-present figure at Northwest since his arrival to Maryville 14 years ago, Ching is fondly remembered by faculty, staff and students for his unre-

lenting cheerfulness as well as his devotion to education, religion and family.

With his service to Northwest extending far beyond the classroom, including active involvement in the Newman Catholic Center, St. Gregory's Church and the Nodaway County Regional Council of Governments, Ching was a familiar face to all.

Most importantly to the students of Northwest, Ching possessed an enthusiasm for education, particularly in his field of horticulture, that is matched by few educators today.

The many reflections of the dedicated teacher shared by faculty and students shortly after his death include frequently being greeted by Ching, who headed the Alternative Crops Program at Northwest, as he handed out his own hybrid corn and melons to passersby.

Along with Ching's enthusiasm for life and learning were the invaluable, diverse perspectives he brought to Northwest.

With a background spanning many geographic areas including Carranquilla, Columbia, his place of birth, and teaching in cities throughout the United States and Mexico, Ching served as a much-needed tapestry of experience for the students of Northwest, which was strongly reflected in his zest for life.

As the family and friends of Alex Ching continue to mourn the loss of an exceptional educator, mentor and friend, students, faculty and the Maryville community may take comfort in the fact that, while Alex Ching may be gone, his passion for education, faith and life will live on through the rest of the Northwest family.

Letter to the Editor

Creationist theory of life deserves equal intellectual support

I've learned recently about word method. The Greek words "meta" and "hodos" lend their meaning to our word method. "Meta" means behind or foundational, hodos means pathway or doorway. Combined, method is the foundational pathway or the real way something is done.

We have all been introduced to one very important method, the scientific method. Observation, hypothesis, experiment and conclusion are the four cornerstones of the foundation of science. We learned these scientific steps as early as our elementary years of science education. Most scientists and science teachers will give faithful lip service to this method. Yet the vast majority, especially when it comes to teaching evolution, has never exercised its own creed.

My frustration is fueled by those that would then call creation science anti-intellectual. It is no less intellectual than any evolutionary theory. Evolutionary theory does not provide explanation or proof for how life might have started, the occurrence of many phyla in the "early" fossil record or a possible method for the evolution of the myriad irreducibly complex systems, such as food production in plants, cell reproduction or blood clotting. Creation, on the other hand, provides an explanation in a very reasonable fashion. God, being able to do anything, designed and created life. This explanation is not proof but at least it is an answer that is possible, perhaps even likely. This is where proving the hypothesis comes in. There is not enough room here to introduce the

observations of creation. Good science will investigate, observe and experiment. Evolutionists have worked for 150 years to, ironically, create life. Apparently, they haven't gotten too far, or we would have read about it in our science textbooks. Instead, for some reason, they unscientifically publish assumptions about millions and billions of years and gradual change over time.

Maybe evolution works, but maybe not, and as long as science and science teachers patronize and ostracize creationists, they will miss an important point of view. In the end, this won't save the masses from anti-intellectuals. It will make us closed-minded. Isn't that what we are trying to avoid?

ROB ALRICH
GEOLOGY

"Will the owner of the white Oldsmobile parked outside Perrin please attend to the car horn. It has been blaring one long, loud continuous note since 2:32 a.m. It is now 10 o'clock and I have a headache."

"Um, yeah, I was wondering what you guys at the Missourian were doing with Backtalk, because I left a message last semester, and it never got published. So I think all of you at the Missourian should stop making out with each other and get to work."

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Your View

If and when do you think the U.S. will go to war with Iraq?



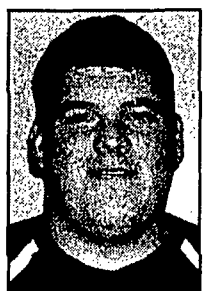
"I think within five to six months unless Saddam Hussein does something stupid or makes a move. It may also be sooner if the U.N. finds something."

Michelle Brockman
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"I think Saddam Hussein will blow up the world before we have a chance to do anything. Go write your will. Besides, this country has too many lefty-liberals to ever get anything done."

Rose Parmeter
SECONDARY EDUCATION/
ENGLISH



"I think it's more of a question of when than if. I think we have to get proof from the U.N. I think the U.S. is ready."

Brad Fullbright
GEOGRAPHY



"If we're going to go, we'll probably do it here in the next month, but I'm just a slow college student, so what do I know?"

Dan Ayers
TECHNICAL THEATRE



"I'd say yes. It's something that will definitely happen. As far as when, I don't know. Hopefully it's the U.N. instead of the U.S. who will take action."

Phil Reinking
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Letter to the Editor

Student applauds efforts to repair computer systems

After taking the time to talk with Northwest's computer network staff, we should find satisfaction in knowing that during network outages, someone is trying to correct the problem.

Over the holiday weekend, internet access was unavailable on campus. But as it became unavailable, support staff were notified. Some drove over a hundred miles to help correct the problem.

By Sunday, access was restored to some students, with full network operation soon following.

Contrary to popular opinion, there are people making sure the complex Northwest computer network is up and running all the time. Our network staff logs extra hours, spends holidays on campus and constantly strives to improve the speed and reliability of our network.

In the future, if an outage occurs, rest assured Northwest's computer staff is hard at work, doing their jobs and getting the "electronic campus" back online.

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Water supply remains sufficient for residents of Maryville

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

The city of Maryville has no need to worry about a water shortage because residents will have a sufficient water supply until the next heavy rainfall.

"Maryville is in a fortunate situation when it comes to drought conditions," said Mathew Chesnut, Maryville City Council member. "We have two items that put us in that position of being fortunate in that we have Mazingo Lake and a brand new water treatment plant."

Chesnut said the size of the water treatment plant allows the city to produce 5 million gallons of water a day compared to the 2.5 million gallons they previously supplied.

The size of the water treatment plant allows Maryville to provide enough water for the city for three to five years before the city would be in any serious condition due to a drought.

"Fortunately we have the capacity not only with the amount of water but in our ability to produce treated water to the town," Chesnut said.

Presently, the city uses between 1.8 to 2.2 million gallons a day. Chesnut's rationale behind the amount used per day can be linked to the cold weather.

"This time of year, it's not so bad," Chesnut said. "It's cold out, and people are not watering lawns and washing cars."

However, parks superintendent David Middleton said he hopes for a heavy rainfall soon for the sake of the farmers and the 20 feet of drinking

water left in Mazingo Lake.

However, Chesnut said that when a city gets into the months of April through July and no precipitation accumulates, a problem arises for the farmers as well as the water supply.

"If nature is not giving it to us, then it will be a problem," Chesnut said.

For now, the city's biggest concern is the water needed for its economy since northwest Missouri's economy is largely dependent on agriculture. The drought affects the city's economy by the revenue the farmers bring into the city from the sales taxes on purchases like septic and fuel.

"If their crops can't grow and they can't make money, then it is going to hurt our economy overall in northwest Missouri," Chesnut said. "It's severe in the fact that we are in need of some moisture for the farmers around here."

Currently the city sells bulk water to farmers who may use it to water their cattle. Also, the city sells water to the Rural Water District which has lines set up to serve the people outside the city limits and around the northwest Missouri area.

Even though the city has ordinances that it can enact to tell people when, what and how much water they can use, Chesnut said it would take a prolonged drought before they would enact any of them.

"We have a lot of water to use out there before we get into trouble," Chesnut said. "We are in pretty good shape right now and probably for the foreseeable future."

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PLANTS from 1A

Drought causes homeowners to take charge

if you dug into the ground around the plant, you would see a noticeable problem."

The amount of water needed below the surface goes beyond just simply watering the top layer. Plants are dependent on the amount of moisture they receive into their root system found 12 inches below the top of the soil, Ellis said.

"Don't just spray the top ground; it will take too long for it to get all the way down to where it's needed," Ellis said. "I suggest using a deep root water system. This device allows you to push water and fertilizer into the ground down to the roots where it's needed."

After watering during the day, it's important to retain that moisture by allowing it to freeze overnight, Ellis said.

"The temperature outside is the exact temperature that the roots experience," Ellis said. "This is a problem because it's stressful for a plant to continuously have to freeze and thaw. It's important to allow the root system to freeze and keep that constant freezing temperature."

Using mulch is one way to keep the roots frozen, Ellis said. Packing shredded wood mulch or any other type of mulch around the plant will help retain moisture and frozen roots.

The stress that plants are enduring now can affect their performance during the spring months, Ellis said. Plants already have to endure a high amount of stress when they come out of dormancy. This added stress from dried roots during the winter months can make plants more susceptible to disease and insects that will move in later on, Ellis said.

Local homeowners are also feeling

stress as they watch the foundation of their homes slowly separate from the soil around it, causing cracks.

This problem occurs because of the clay surface on which the homes are built in this area, said Keith Arnold, Woodruff and Arnold owner.

"Homes are being built on a clay surface that is similar to a sponge," said Arnold said. "When it gets wet, it expands, and when it dries, it shrinks, which is exactly what we are experiencing now."

As the surface shrinks, the foundation is no longer able to support the weight of the home, causing the home to crack and sink.

"We've seen houses sink 6 inches," said Arnold. "This obviously causes problems because now there are cracks in the basement floors and doors won't shut properly."

Checking the foundation of your home is important in order to see the visible problem occurring, but most problems are happening underneath the surface.

"It's just like running a car without oil," said Arnold. "You may not be able to see the problems it's causing right away, but after your car breaks down, you realize there's a problem. In your home you may not see the cracks forming, but once they are there it's hard to ignore."

Watering the soil around your home is a simple and easy solution to this problem.

"Lay a hose around your foundation and keep the soil wet," Arnold said. "It may seem like a waste right now but you'll be saving a great amount of money by not having to make expensive repairs later on."

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CHING from 1A

University remembers beloved professor

like that (the Newman Center), grows with people and his interest continued well after I left. For students, he was dedicated to his faith, and that was something very important to him."

Ching received his bachelor of science and masters degrees at California State College-Fresno, before receiving his doctorate at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He began working in Guadalajara, Mexico, before going to Queretaro, Mexico, from 1976 to 1981. He then came back to the University of Arkansas to teach for a year.

But it was at Northwest that Ching taught for the longest period of time. Along with teaching various classes in the agriculture department, he also headed the alternative crops research program. Students had the opportunity to take part in melon and tomato development.

Outside of the agriculture department, Ching was the faculty marshal at commencement ceremonies. He also served on the Board of Regents Council in Maryville.

Arley Larson, dean of agriculture, said Ching will be missed, but the department needs to keep things going.

"We're a family at work and we'll miss Alex," Larson said. "We'll have to find someone to cover the classes, but we'll never replace him. I know Alex would want us to keep going and be passionate."

Ching's son, Jonathan, is a second-grader at St. Gregory's and his daughter,

Stephanie, is in the pre-kindergarten program at Horace Mann Elementary.

Meghan Cavalier, Stephanie's pre-kindergarten teacher, said the concept of death can be tough for young children to understand.

"Last week we had two pets die, ironically, so I read a book about a pet dying, and we talked about losing a pet, so they kind of know about death," Cavalier said. "Every child is different and I wanted to see how Stephanie is handling it first before we talk to the whole class about it."

Earlier in the year, Cavalier said Stephanie created a page on what her dad does all day at work.

"A picture might become important to her," Cavalier said. "It will tell her, 'Oh, he's still there looking at me.'"

Ching will be buried at the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y., where his parents and brother are buried.

President Dean Hubbard said the next step is to abide by the wishes of the family in regards to a memorial.

Hubbard said the University will have to pull together during this tough time.

"It's a huge loss, and it's a shock," Hubbard said. "In the middle of the year, this is when the faculty have to pull together and cover the classes that the students were taking from Alex. Everything that was said tonight (Sunday) was very true, as I thought about Alex and his enthusiasm and his professionalism."

Search begins for Ching's successor

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

With the recent death of Alex Ching, associate professor of agriculture, the department was faced with the problem of replacing one of its professors in both the short and long term.

Finding someone as qualified as Ching could pose a problem according to Duane Jewell, associate professor of agriculture.

"It is going to be very hard to find someone with the dedication, work ethic and knowledge Dr. Ching had," Jewell said.

To finish this semester, Rego Jones, who taught at the University in the '70s and currently owns the plant house in Maryville, will be taking over Ching's classes.

"Dr. Ching was teaching three classes

so Rego has taken over all of those," Jewell said. "So, in essence, he is a full-time instructor in our department."

At this point the university doesn't know who will take over Ching's teaching duties on a permanent basis.

"We are hoping to be able to hire a permanent replacement at the beginning of this fall," Jewell said. "We hope that we can hire someone that meets the qualifications. Half of his responsibilities are research as well as teaching, so we are going to need to hire someone who is capable of doing both the teaching and the research."

Students that drop a class because Ching is no longer teaching is another problem that could arise. If a student drops the class now they will only get a 75 percent refund of their tuition. The student will have to go to the financial appeals committee to plead for a full refund.

BARS from 1A

Return of drink-and-drown specials serves as frustration to Maryville city officials

from every bar owner before the agreement was signed."

Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, said that in the six months the agreement was in effect, arrest numbers related to incidents within the bars decreased significantly. The improvements included a decrease in arrests resulting from peace disturbances, unruly crowds, assaults and service calls.

"Everyone put forth a very good effort to discourage minors in the bars and binge drinking during this agreement," Wood said. "It appears now that we're going to go backward instead of forward."

Wood said that, while he respects the bar owners' decision to abandon the agreement for purposes of profit, increasing business was not a concern of owners in the past.

"From a business perspective, I can understand that bar owners want to increase numbers in their business," Wood said. "But what we were hearing months ago when owners were before the City Council for liquor violations was that their crowds were too large to maintain."

Mick Hoskey, owner of Molly's, said that while his business adhered to the agreement when it was in effect, it's less than likely that another will be entered.

"As far as setting up another gentleman's agreement goes, I don't like the idea of being regulated as to what we can and can't do," Hoskey said. "If we do a special and it's profitable for us, then I don't think there's a problem with that."

Hoskey said while problems do exist

with binge drinking in any bar, it's the responsibility of the drinker, not the bar itself.

"I believe the open bar specials allow people to drink in excess if they choose to, but you can go to the grocery store and buy a 12-pack and drink to excess just as easily," Hoskey said. "I don't think an open bar special encourages binge drinking."

Hoskey said that he ran his open bar special Jan. 17 specifically to stay competitive with the Outback, and plans to continue doing so in the future.

"We wanted to say competitive," Hoskey said. "We spent the last six months fighting to get all the business we could. I wasn't going to let them take it just because they wanted to start up the specials while

everyone else is still basically following the agreement."

Mike Carpenter, senior management major, was among many who filled Molly's Friday. Carpenter said the agreement resulted in fewer patrons.

"It was a lot harder to socialize with no one going to the bar," Carpenter said. "I can see what the city's saying, but they need to understand that kids are going to drink no matter where they are."

While the return of drink specials may or may not result in a relapse of the city's original concerns, Carpenter reflected the sentiments of many Northwest students with the return of open bar specials.

"I'm just glad they're back," he said. "I'm happy again."

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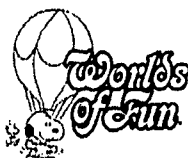
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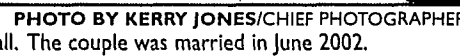
Feeling Cold?



By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

"One of the main reasons I wanted to wait is because I wanted to have some idea of where I could get a teaching position before we would have to buy a home," Dennis said. "I also wanted to have

"I knew Tyler was the one I wanted to marry because he could always make me laugh, and I always felt safe with him," Smith said. "He really just makes my heart smile."



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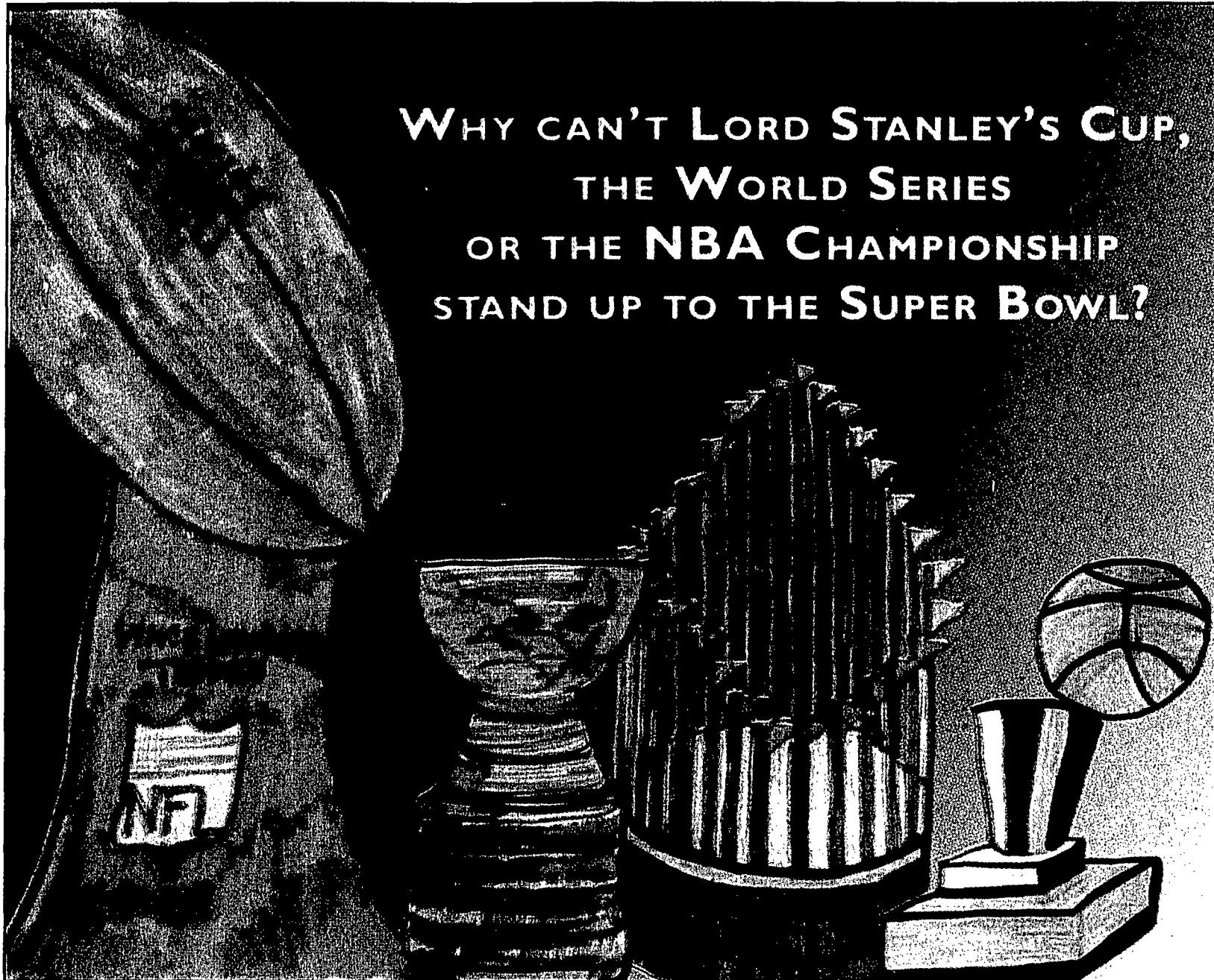
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A SUPER EVENT



By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

It's not Christmas or Thanksgiving, nor is it the Fourth of July, but Super Bowl Sunday has become one of America's favorite days.

This year's Super Bowl, featuring the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will have millions of people tuned in.

Many of those millions are not even fans of the Raiders or Buccaneers.

For instance, Sports Shop owner Al Turner will not find his Cleveland Browns in the Super Bowl, but that is not going to keep him from watching it.

Turner might even find himself taking part in a Super Bowl get-together.

"I have been to Super Bowl parties on occasion," Turner said. "I might end up going to another this weekend."

But while the NFL and the Super Bowl have become an event of high interest, the same can not be said for

the three other major sports.

While the National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and Major League Baseball struggle to be satisfied with the television ratings their championship series provide, the NFL's Super Bowl is soaring to new heights.

Of course, close games such as the St. Louis Rams' 23-16 win over the Tennessee Titans in Super Bowl XXXIV and the New England Patriots' 20-17 victory over the Rams last year help out in a big way.

While sports fans are tuning into the Super Bowl, many of those same fans are tuning out any other major sports championship.

The 2002 World Series pitting the Anaheim Angels against the San Francisco Giants drew the lowest rating in World Series history. Game six, a comeback victory by the Angels, only mustered an Nielson 11.8 rating.

The 2002 NBA finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and the New Jersey Nets were only able to average a 9.7 rating over four games.

Game two of the Stanley Cup Finals between the Detroit Red Wings and the Carolina Hurricanes scrapped

for a 2.85 rating.

Last year's Super Bowl pulled in a 40.4 national rating. Even the Super Bowl's lowest rating of all-time of 18.5 in 1967 tops some of the ratings the other sports have taken in.

One of the reasons the Super Bowl reigns supreme over any of the other major sport title series/games is because it comes down to only one game.

The Super Bowl gives two teams only one shot at championship glory. On the other hand, the NBA, NHL and MLB provide teams a series of games to take the gold.

Not even three losses in a championship series can prevent teams in the NBA, NHL and MLB from winning a title.

In the Super Bowl, however, teams can make one mistake, and it is over.

"The Super Bowl is one game and that just builds up the hype," said Matt Daniel, broadcasting major. "That's what makes it better than any of the others which take up to seven games."

What also gives the Super Bowl hype besides the teams is everything

else that comes with it, such as the commercials and the entertainment before the game and at halftime.

All these elements come together to make the Super Bowl almost seem like a holiday to many fans, Turner said.

"A lot of people make it that way," he said.

As for the game itself, Daniel will be paying close attention. He has been a fan of the Raiders since the third grade.

"It's going to be a very good game," he said. "The Raiders can win, but the defense will have to play well, and they will need to score a lot of points."

Turner agrees with the outcome but is not necessarily cheering for the Silver and Black.

"My heart says Tampa Bay," Turner said. "But Oakland will probably win it. I think Gannon will get it done."

No matter who wins, the Super Bowl should prove why the Lombardi Trophy is the ultimate prize in sports.

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Indoor teams prep for ISU invitational

Northwest will compete with 25 other teams, hopes to provisionally qualify for nationals

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's indoor track teams will take part in the Iowa State University Open Friday and Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Twenty-five teams will compete in the meet, many of them Division I and Division II squads.

While the women are coming off recent competition at the Ward Haylett Invitational at Doane College in Crete, Neb., the men are dealing with a five-week layoff.

The last meet in which the men took part in was the Iowa State Cyclone Holiday Classic in Ames, Iowa on Dec. 13.

Despite the time off and the fact that many of the competitors have not taken part in a meet since last spring, head coach Rich Alsup said he is pleased with the team's status at

this point in the season.

"(The training) is going very well," he said. "This is really an excellent group of people with a great work ethic."

Alsup's expectations going into the weekend's meet are simple.

"What we want is for our kids to be competitive," he said. "The times and performances are not so important right now. It's just trying to be competitive."

Alsup said he finds it rewarding to run against teams such as the host team, Iowa State.

"We've won some events at this meet, so that's very impressive," he said.

Junior hurdler Joel Terry is doubtful to compete in the meet as well as senior Ryan Miller, an All-American pole-vaulter.

Like the men, the women are also looking forward to taking part in the meet.

Senior pole vaulter Jenny Simmons will attempt to provisionally qualify for nationals. She came up 1.25 inches short of that feat Saturday in Crete.

"I like the competition," Simmons said. "It gives you more drive to do better. It's cool to say you can jump or run with Division I (teams), so it's kind of

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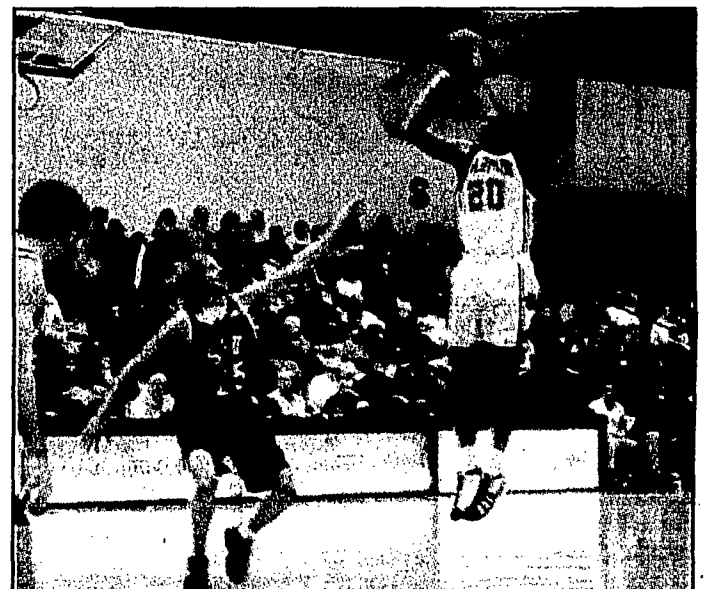


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior guard Jelani Walker shoots over Southwest Baptist's Ryan Stock in the Bearcat's 84-71 victory over the Purple Bearcats Saturday in Maryville.

'Cats move up MIAA with win over Mules

Early 9-0 lead helps Bearcats control tempo in 78-56 victory

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

It took four tries, but the Bearcats finally picked up their first conference road game of the season, defeating Central Missouri State University 78-56 Wednesday night.

The Bearcat charge was led by senior Scott Fleming, who scored a game-high 20 points.

Junior Kelvin Parker finished with 15 points while senior Jelani Walker added 12 points of his own.

The 'Cats wasted no time, jumping out to a 9-0 lead before CMSU could score a basket.

A three pointer by senior Joel Yeldell gave the Bearcats a 25-15 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Yeldell's shot also started a 13-2 run, which gave the Bearcats a 35-17 lead.

The Bearcats went into the break up 45-25, and never looked back after that.

In depth: vs. CMSU		
	Score	
78	56	
54.4	Field goal pct.	36.2
36.4	3-point pct.	23.5
6	Off. rebounds	21
26	Def. rebounds	21
32	Total rebounds	37
11	FT attempted	18
8	FT made	10
12	Turnovers	18
16	Bench scoring	12

Key stat of the game: Field goal pct.—The Bearcats shot 57 percent from the field in the first half to take a 45-25 commanding lead into halftime.

The closest the Mules got in the second half was within 16 points.

The Bearcats defeated Southwest Baptist University 84-71 Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Fleming, who led all scorers with 22 points, was one of three Bearcats to finish in double figures.

Parker finished with 16 points, but it was Jesse Shaw who highlighted the win. The sophomore (Please see 'Key wins' on page 2B)

Super Bowl XXXVII: Raiders vs. Buccaneers

This year's Super Bowl has the elements to become one for the ages, quarterback Rich Gannon goes up against his former coach John Gruden



Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon

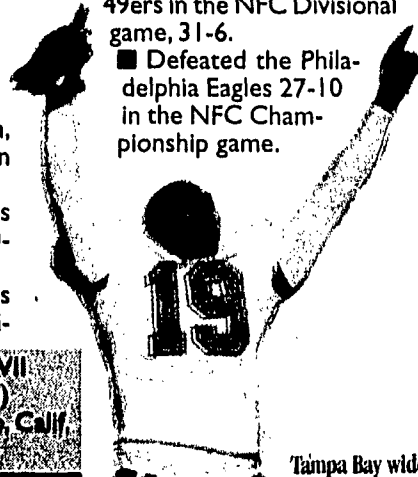
How Oakland got there:

- Won the AFC West Division, with a 11-5 regular season record.
- Defeated the New York Jets in the AFC Divisional game, 30-10.
- Defeated the Tennessee Titans 41-24 to claim the AFC Championship.

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Tampa Bay wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson

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15.5	20
299.5	270
29	7
170.5	199
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Women's basketball

Clutch free-show shooting clinched the Bearcat's their fourth conference win of the season in Warrensburg Wednesday night. Turn to page 2B to find out who led the Bearcats to the victory and how the team fared last Saturday.

Boys basketball

The 'Hounds came back from behind to pick up their ninth win of the season Tuesday night. For the lowdown on who the 'Hounds defeated and who came up big for the team, turn to page 3B.

'Hounds wrestling

How did the grapplers do over the weekend? Turn to page 2B to find out who scored key pins to help the 'Hounds in Plattsburg.

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Free throw shooting helps 'Cats to victory

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time in as many games, the Northwest women's basketball team has relied on their free throw shooting to seal a victory.

Wednesday, Erika Hatterman went to the free-throw line with a three-point lead. Hatterman was able to hit both free throws and gave the Bearcats a 69-64 lead with under ten seconds left in the game to preserve the victory over Central Missouri State University.

Saturday it was Tanesha Fields who hit the crucial free throws to preserve a 70-67 win. The win moved Northwest to 9-6 overall and 4-3 in the MIAA.

The inside game was able to step up once again, as Sarah Vollertsen led the Bearcats with 21 points, as well as a game high eight rebounds. In addition to Hatterman's two free throws, she tossed in another 11 points to finish the game with her second consecutive 13-point game. Fields chipped in for 12 points in the win.

After leading by double digits most of the first half, Northwest held a 34-28 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Central pulled within one, but Northwest was able to continually pull away. Central was able to pull within three with under a minute, but that was when Hatterman went to the line.

The win had special meaning for the Bearcats. Since Northwest began playing Central, the 'Cats had not won a game against Central on the road.

For Katie Scherer, Wednesday's game could not have come at a better time.

Scherer, a native of Centerville, grew up just ten minutes from Central Missouri State University.

"It's sort of like a homecoming for me," Scherer said. "On the other hand though it's just one of eighteen games we play in

In depth: vs. CMSU			
69	Score	64	
46.8	Field goal pct.	42.1	
47.1	3-point pct.	11.1	
6	Off. rebounds	16	
21	Def. rebounds	24	
27	Total rebounds	40	
22	FT attempted	22	
17	FT made	15	
16	Turnovers	13	
13	Bench scoring	27	

Key stat of the game: Northwest was deadly from beyond the arc, connecting on 47.1% of 3-point attempts. Erika Hatterman was a perfect 3-3.

conference this season."

An added bonus for Northwest, was the Scherer cheering section on hand for the game. Along with the girl's basketball team, a large following of Centerville residents made the trip.

"It's a small town, but they turn out for basketball games," Scherer said.

The past two seasons in the games before the CMSU game, Scherer has succumb to injuries.

"Even though she has been hurt and hasn't had a major chunk of playing time, there were still a big group of fans there," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "It's really good timing that we go down there right as she is getting a lot of playing time."

On Saturday, the 'Cats faced Southwest Baptist University. Baptist entered the game with a record of 9-5. After falling behind 14-24 midway through the first half, Northwest was able to rally back and take a 31-29 lead.

With 17:42 left in the game though, Northwest trailed by 10 once again. Over the next seven minutes, Northwest

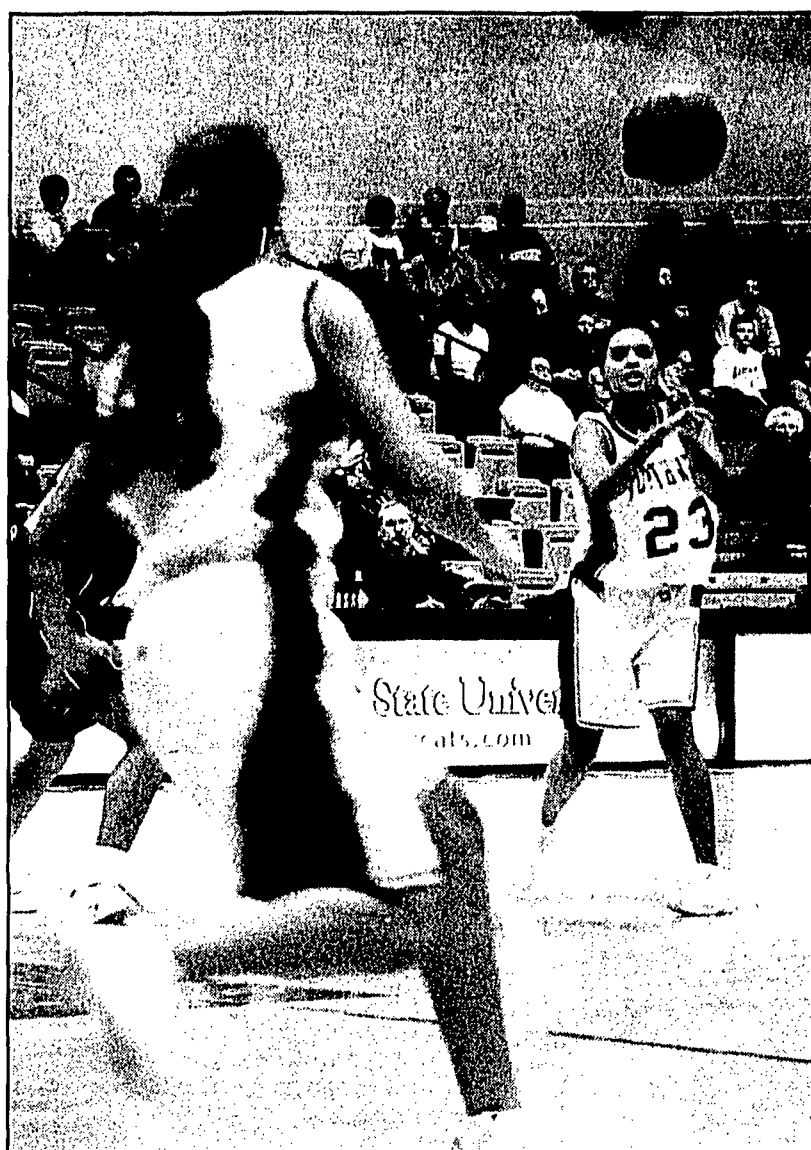


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Tanesha Fields finds junior Jenna Wolfe open on the wing in the Bearcats win over Southwest Baptist University on Saturday. Northwest had four players score in double figures.

was able to rally back and a three-pointer by Corey Van Dine gave the Bearcats a 57-55 lead. With 50 seconds left, a three-point play by Jenna Wolfe put Northwest in the lead for good as they were able to come away with a 70-67 win.

The balanced scoring continued for the Bearcats as Hatterman led the way with 13 points. Vollertsen added 12 points as did Scherer. Laura Friederich contributed 11 points to the win.

"It was crucial for us to get a home

win," Steinmeyer said. "The win also moved us into a tie with Southwest Baptist."

Coming up for Northwest is a game against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"Rolla has a good post player who is near the top of the conference in blocked shots," Steinmeyer said. "If we want to think about being in the top tier of teams in the conference, this is an absolute must-win for us."

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KEY WINS from 1B

'Cats stay unbeaten at home with win

guard had a double-double, finishing the game with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Both were career highs.

"Our main priority is to go get the ball," Shaw said. "Once the ball goes in the air, it should be everybody's priority to get it. I just been going as hard as I can."

It was the fourth consecutive game that he led the team in rebounding.

"I thought our match-ups were pretty good," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Some teams we don't match-up with."

The Bearcats shot 75 percent from behind the arc, drilling six of eight three-pointers. The high-percentage shooting helped the 'Cats to a 43-31 advantage at halftime.

"(Three-point shooting) helped us in the first half," said Fleming, who made four of six three-pointers. "When we do that, we are pretty tough."

It was a game of runs for the Bearcats. A three-pointer by Yeldell capped off

a 12-0 run, which gave Northwest a 21-11 lead and forced Southwest to call a timeout with 12:25 remaining in the first half.

The Bearcats went on a 13-3 run with to take a 67-46 lead with 11:10 remaining in the game. The 21-point advantage would end up being the 'Cats largest lead of the game.

Southwest would cut the lead to 12 with 3:13 remaining, but that would be as close as the Purple Bearcats would get.

"We had some mental lapses in the second half," Fleming said. "We lost our focus and our intensity a little bit, but it was a good win. We never did get the lead under 10, so we did pretty good with that."

The Bearcats closed out the game hitting five of eight free throws to win their seventh straight over Southwest.

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TRACKSTERS from 1B

Women fare well at Ward Haylett Invite

motivating."

Head coach Vicki Wooton said she hopes to see members of the team provisionally qualify for nationals and set season-best marks.

"That's what it is about," she said. "If you are going to take that few of people to compete, then we want to get as many qualifiers as we can."

Each team can only have two of its members participate in each event.

Saturday, the women competed in the Ward Haylett Invitational.

"We had some very good performances that I was pleased with," Wooton said.

The one-two finish in the 55-meter dash by freshman Alisha Samuel and senior Kadie Campbell highlighted the meet

for the Bearcat squad.

Samuel finished with a time of 7.27 seconds, while Campbell was not too far behind, finishing with a time of 7.43 seconds.

Samuel also placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.11 seconds.

Senior Jenny Simmons continued her success in the pole vault finishing second with a height of 11 feet.

Gara Lacy placed in both track and field events. The junior finished in a tie for second place in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 9.75 inches. She also finished fourth in the 400-meter run with a time of one minute, 5.12 seconds.

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FOOD from 1B

Parties, food make for special occasion

soda and different types of dips.

For some companies, however, the day is an opportunity to do more than just good business. Kentucky Fried Chicken is donating food to the Northwest Alumni Association's Super Bowl party.

The party sponsored by the Maryville chapter of the association, is a fund-raiser for Camp Quality. The camp is an opportunity for kids with cancer to go to a camp.

"We wanted to be able to have a social event, but also have the opportunity to do some community service," director of alumni Mike Johnson said. "We are going to have three TVs going including two big screens."

In addition to being able to watch the game, alumni in attendance will be able to enter drawings for door prizes. The money raised will be donated directly to Camp Quality and the alumni chapter will match the donations dollar for dollar.

"We would like to be able to raise a

total of \$1,000," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, the alumni party is also the spot for Coach Mel Tjeerdma and other members of his staff to watch the game.

"Coach Tjeerdma has said he will be here, and coach (Scott) Bostwick is usually here to help with different games we have going on."

Other parties on campus include one sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. A big screen doesn't seem to be enough for them though.

A projector will show the game on a wall giving fans a larger than life view of the game.

"We are hosting the party because it gives people a good opportunity for people to bring their friends to the BSU who generally wouldn't come," campus minister Jason Yarnell said. "It gives us an opportunity to build relationships with them."

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Maryville grapplers take fourth place at Plattsburg Tournament

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

After dropping their first match in the Plattsburg Tournament to Whitfield High School Saturday the 'Hounds wrestling squad won three matches in a row to take fourth place in the tournament.

Maryville wrestling coach Joe Drake said that Whitfield did not have an impressive record entering the match, but they had faced some quality teams from Illinois and St. Louis, and he added that

they were a solid team.

The 'Hounds lost the Whitfield match 51-21. After that match, they proceeded to defeat Polo High School, Maysville High School and North Platte High School. During the tournament, 'Hounds wrestler Derek Merrill recorded two pins. Maryville was haunted by the flu as they faced Cameron Tuesday night. The 'Hounds were short four varsity wrestlers, making it difficult to top the conference foe. They eventually fell 42-33.

"The flu bug killed us," Drake said. "We had four starters out. Our JV kids

tried hard but got pinned. If we would have had one more kid there, it would have been a 12-point swing and we would have won."

The 'Hounds were missing Cody Gillenwater from the 119-pound weight class, Derek Merrill from the 130-pound class, Joe Drake from the 135-pound weight class and Ryan Schleusner from the 215-pound weight class.

As of late, the 'Hounds have been ravaged by the flu. There have been several practices where they have been missing eight wrestlers.

The 'Hounds' coaches have been structuring their practices around the sick players, trying to keep their wrestlers healthy.

"If any of them are coughing, all we are having them do is stretch and do a five-minute run," Drake said. "We are having pretty easy practices."

The 'Hounds squad will hope to have a full and healthy squad this weekend when they face conference opponent Platte County Thursday.

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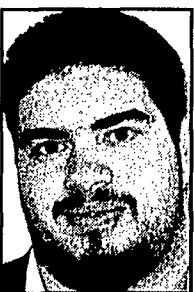
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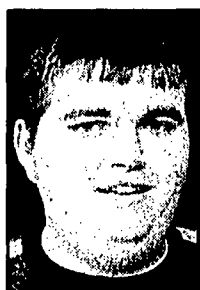
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Out of Bounds

Mizzou athletic director has wrong motive



COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In the span of seven days, the University of Missouri Tiger fans saw their hopes go from the Final Four to the more realistic thought of a fourth-straight sixth place finish in the Big 12.

Not only did role player Najeeb Echols leave the team after claiming he did not get enough playing time, but standout Ricky Clemons was charged with domestic abuse after a female claimed she was choked by him.

Immediately, he was suspended from the squad and did not make the

trip with his team to Stillwater, Oklahoma. Without Clemons, Missouri endured their worst loss of the season, a 20-point loss to the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

My problems aren't with athletic director Mike Alden and head coach Quin Snyder suspending him. I commend them for their quick action suspend Clemons.

My problem is what they did Monday. The two reinstated Clemons, stating that until he is convicted of something, he will remain a member of the team.

By reinstating Clemons, the teams like they are trying to overlook the fact that he has been involved in past altercations like this. No matter how good a basketball player he is, having players like him on a team are a black eye to your program.

The reinstatement came at a very convenient time for the Tigers as well. After losing two in a row, the Tigers faced Iowa State in Ames and were able to narrowly escape with a 74-69 win. Saturday, the Tigers make a trip to No. 4 Texas as well.

The decision makes me wonder whether the same ruling would have been made if Clemons was not such a vital member of the team.

While some (like Alden) will say he should remain a member of the team until he is convicted of the crime, I think the administration should look at it like they have in past situations. When Kareem Rush was under investigation, he sat out of games even when no suspensions were in place.

Four years ago though, when Rush was under investigation, the Tigers were not in the upper echelon of the conference, nor were they on a two-game losing streak.

Even though this is not the way most people are treated when facing a crime, college athletes are held to a higher standard than those not in the public spotlight.

Clemons could have a future in basketball ahead of him and if he learns now that he will get no more than a slap on the wrist for wrongdoings, he will fit into the NBA just fine.



FILE PHOTO

Senior guard David Akins drives to the basket during the first round of the Savannah Tournament. The 'Hounds claimed second place in the tournament losing to Hogan Prep 46-43.

'Hounds upset Dragons

By RYAN DELEHANT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A second half comeback sparked by key three pointers and defense helped the Maryville boys' basketball team upset the Mid Buchanan Dragons 63-58 at Maryville High School Tuesday night.

Leading the way for the 'Hounds was Dylan Hurst with 19 points and five rebounds.

"It was an exciting game," Hurst said. "We haven't had a home game in a month, so it was good to play in front of our crowd."

The 'Hounds started the game slow, falling behind the Dragons 33-21. Mid Buchanan junior Seth Engelken created problems for the 'Hounds by scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the first half.

Head coach Mike Kutwitzky said as a team the 'Hounds did a good job trying to guard 6-foot-7-inch Engelken, but junior Taylor McClellan came off the bench and "really stepped it up for them in the second half."

The 'Hounds picked up the momentum in the third quarter with a pair of

three pointers from Hurst and tough defense. A three-pointer by Engelken ended the third quarter with the Dragons leading 44-38.

"The second half was excellent," Kutwitzky said. "We started to pick it up and apply more pressure defensively."

With just over five minutes left in the game, Engelken injured himself driving to the basket causing play to stop with the score in favor of the Dragons 46-45. Moments later the 'Hounds took their first lead of the ball game and never looked back.

Engelken led the Dragons with 33 points while also collecting 16 rebounds and dishing out six assists.

For the 'Hounds, Hurst led three players in double figures with 19 points followed by Akins with 13 and Brisbane with 10. Brisbane also handed out six assists to lead the team.

The 'Hounds improved to 9-5. The 'Hounds next game will be Friday against Chillicothe.

"They (Chillicothe) beat some good teams to win the Kearney Tournament," Kutwitzky said. "We are going to have to play a complete game against them."

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Missouri-Rolla 3:30 p.m.				Emporia State 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Missouri-Rolla 1:30 p.m.				Emporia State 3:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field			Iowa State Ames Iowa TB				
Maryville boys' basketball			Chillicothe 8 p.m.				
Maryville girls' basketball	Bishop Miege Tour TBA				Benton 8 p.m.		
Maryville wrestling	Platte County 7 p.m.				Savannah 7 p.m.		Smithville 6 p.m.

Sports in Brief

Bearcat baseball to host winter clinics in February

Head coach Darin Loe has announced two winter clinics for baseball players age 13 through high school seniors.

A pitching clinic will take place on February 2. On February 9, the baseball team will be conducting a hitting and

defense clinic.

The cost for each individual clinic is \$50. Registration deadline is January 29. For more information contact Loe at 562-1352.

Offensive tackle honored

Senior offensive tackle Seth Wand was named Division II Offensive Lineman of

the Year by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Wand was the only player from the MIAA to receive a player of the year award for their respective position.

He also was selected to the first team offense and was one of two MIAA players elected to the first team.

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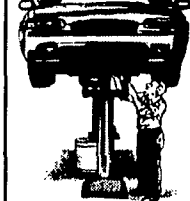
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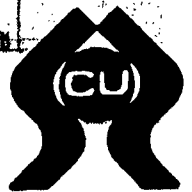
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It's Friday afternoon in Maryville. Woo. Gazing out the sixth floor high-rise window, wondering just what kind of literary gem I may concoct this week to receive much-anticipated hate mail, Your Man once again surveys a common weekend sight. Scampering about among the masses of phallic symbols lovingly hand-crafted from the freshly fallen powder is the sight of hundreds of students headed home for the three-day weekend.

I continue to survey this oddly entertaining sight with an eclectic mixture of amusement, bewilderment and severe depression, considering all three of my friends are among the herd tearing from Maryville faster than a Sig Ep headed for Abercrombie and Fitch with Mummy's Visa Platinum.

Bitter? Nah. I don't dig the creepy Abercrombie Zombie look, and besides, my old man's credit cards are probably stolen. That's what makes him so damned cool. What really astounds Your Man is this weekend going-home ritual most commonly referred to, among other affectionate titles, as the "Suitcase School Phenomenon."

Aside from excessively horny squirrels, it's a wonder for which Northwest seems to be widely famous, and it leads me to ask, more for my pathetically lonely sake than for that of anyone else. Why, God, why?

If you've been privileged enough to spend more than a week here at Northwest, you'll also observe that more than half the student



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body, particularly those on campus, vacate Greater Metropolitan Maryville promptly after the end of their final Friday class. While the act is most certainly appreciated by many, as it once again leaves our much beloved townies to return to their calf-roping in peace, Your Man is left with a number of questions.

Most importantly, why the heck, aside from Maryville's obvious entertainment value, are we so desperate to return home to our parents every weekend? Is it because 97 percent of you are from the Kansas City area, making proximity a factor? Is it because your parents buy you beer—sorry, ahem, Smirnoff Ice? Or is it because you're all in a secret cult that goes not home, but instead to a vacant cornfield to sacrifice virgins in hopes of appeasing the MIAA gods for another winning football sea-

son? Silly me, of course not. We don't have virgins here at Northwest.

Any way you slice it, I guess there may never be one good concrete answer for why Northwest is such a suitcase school, which I guess is what makes it a phenomenon. (Duh, Stroller, duh.) All I know is that it's a rare occurrence for Your Man to return home for a number of reasons besides having parents that continue to frequently exercise the phrase "Keep on truckin'," as well as a few warrants out for my arrest in my home state. (I swear they don't look like goats in the moonlight.) But that's beside the point. No, really, it is.

So here's a proposition for you, patrons of Northwest. Try sticking around for a weekend to see what this great city has to offer. You might surprise yourself. If you're underage or prefer not to be vomited on while grinding crotches with a complete stranger, then one of our upscale drinking establishments or a house party on 7th Street more than likely isn't your idea of fun and relaxation, but that's okay. I'm sure there's something else out there for you, and if you find it, please let me know. In the meantime, you'll find Your Man having the time of my life this weekend, sucking raw cookie dough out of a tube and catching reruns of "Boy Meets World." Sheesh. And you losers go home every weekend.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Despite plot flaws, "A Guy Thing" proves itself

By SCOTT REYNOLDS
BUZZ REVIEWER

Hey, it was better than "Stealing Harvard." But of course, Jason Lee was able to trade Tom Green for Julia Stiles and Selma Blair in his new movie "A Guy Thing." As someone would say, "It beats a poke in the eye with a sharp stick."

One of the first things to strike me about this movie was how different Stiles and Blair come across. Throughout the movie, Lee showed small signs of past roles (especially the outspoken style he used in Mallrats). This re-

ally seemed to be the movie where Stiles and Blair shed their teen-movie looks. I think the result is a pretty good cast, with a fairly strong ability to perform in this type of movie. That said, they should have waited for a better script.

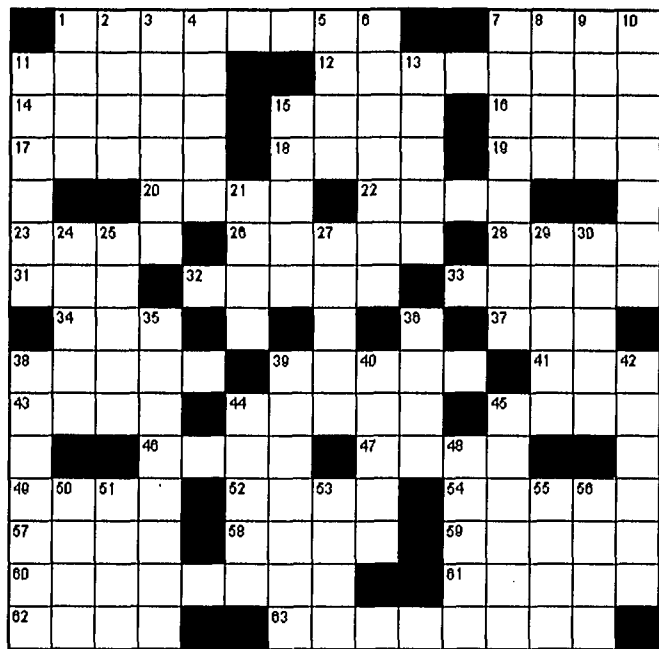
A few logic flaws turned me off—characters that met ten seconds before reacting to one another like old friends and character traits forgotten and then remembered, to name a few. In a story based so heavily on the characters, such mistakes (whether they be by actors or by directors) are really inexcusable. I can't help but wonder if there were cut scenes which contained some of the growth time.

As much as I wanted to like this movie,

I left the theater wondering if my taste in movies was just out of whack. Maybe movies seem more predictable because I watch a lot of them. I forced my roommates into a discussion about it and found I wasn't alone. Everyone liked the movie, but had expected more. The jokes were done well, but few, if any, were original. One exception, thankfully, was the joke that named the movie. It was beauty.

Overall, this was a decent light comedy, well-suited for an audience of college age. Those looking for a little more meaning might do well to wait for "The 25th Hour."

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

- Person without close friends (4,4)
- East Indian tree yielding a yellow dye
- Unit of capacitance
- Tuberous herbaceous perennials
- Inhabitant of Oman
- Come on
- Chafe
- Separate
- Fastener for a door
- Rubbish (Brit)

Down

- Source of illumination
- Viva voce
- Dwarfism
- Female name
- Monk
- Rimed
- Flakiness
- Sandwich
- Central Iowa city
- Female name
- Fogey
- Stimulant
- Cabbages
- Smell
- Long slender snake
- Ineffectively bowled ball
- Rhyme
- Contemptible person
- Pertaining to the Roman Catholic Church
- Steersman
- Jug (Brit)
- Seemingly everlasting (3-4)
- Related through having had the same mother
- Kinsman
- Inhabitant of New England
- Froth
- Much trodden
- Fiat
- Declare frankly
- Expected task
- Male name
- Pertaining to animals
- Former English queen

Area Events

Kansas City

Jan. 27 **Tom Askin**
The Hurricane

Jan. 28 **Hopeville Tour**
Midland Theatre

Jan. 23 **Big Tasty**
House of Bricks

Jan. 25 **Stepa**
Hairy Mary's

Jan. 23 **Starch Martins**
Ranch Bowl

Jan. 24 **Fromanhole**
Sokol Underground

Jan. 29 **Oteel And The Peacemakers**
Grand Emporium

Jan. 30 **George Winston**
Uptown Theatre

Jan. 25 **Feathers are Beautiful**
Hairy Mary's

Jan. 31 **Rick Holmstrom**
Blues on Grand

Jan. 29 **Entrance**
The Junkbox

Jan. 30 **Rick Holmstrom**
Music Box

Des Moines

Omaha

on the edge

Super Bowl facts:

■ Weeks before the show premiered on Super Bowl Sunday in 2001, bookies were laying odds on who the winner of the second Survivor show would be. The favorite, 32-year-old Army intelligence officer Kel Gleason, was the 6-to-1 favorite to win the latest reality-based CBS series set in Australia's outback.

■ For the first time, the play-by-play of Super Bowl XXX in 1996 was broadcast in the Navajo language and NBC-TV offered a secondary, foreign-language audio feed to its affiliates.

■ Based on past sales, Frito-Lay experts expect to sell 150 million extra bags of chips during the week of the Super Bowl.

■ Right behind Christmas and Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday ranks as the third-largest occasion for Americans to consume food, according to the National Football League.

■ Golfer Payne Stewart was a highly recognizable figure on the green because of his color-coordinated outfits. For a time, he wore the colors of NFL teams in the cities where he was competing. At the Phoenix Open, he wore outfits created to reflect the colors of Super Bowl teams, because the game traditionally was played the same day as the Open's final round.

■ Americans will hold more parties in their homes on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year.

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